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# Army depot welcomes new leadership

Corpus Christi Army Depot's (CCAD) outgoing commander Colonel Billingsley Garner Pogue III relinquished his leadership to Col. Allan Hinola Lanceta, who assumed his new role at an official change of command ceremony at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas, July 22.

CCAD's outgoing sergeant major Command Sgt. Maj. Steven D. Odom transferred his responsibility to incoming Sgt. Maj. Louis C. Felicioni.

Major General Douglas M. Gabram, Commanding General of the

United States Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) hosted the ceremony and led the ceremonial passing of colors that represents the transfer of command authority from one commander to the next.

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The Depot also provides

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Col. Allan H. Lanceta addresses those gathered at Wings Auditorium for the change of command. (U.S. Army Photo by Ervey Martinez, CCAD)

## Center celebrates 37 years of supporting fleet, family

The Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Fleet and Family Support Center celebrated its 37th year of support recently with a cake cutting and open house.

"What you do is important," said Capt. Steve Banta, kicking off the anniversary celebration. "You not only serve those who do the mission, but their families as well. You give the service member peace of mind because you're taking care of our people."

During fiscal year 2015, FFSC reached nearly 12,000 people with workshops, command briefs, seminars and outreach. Staff members conducted more than 4,000 individual consultations and

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Jo Beth Walter, FFSC director, and Capt. Steve Banta, NASCC commanding officer, cut a cake in celebration of the service center's support to the fleet and family for nearly four decades. (U.S. Navy Photo)



## Executive Officer's Column



Cmdr. Scott Wilmot  
Executive Officer



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Most recently in the media we have been seeing the coverage of the national conventions, first the Republican National Convention, then the Democratic one. We have seen the presidential nominees and their vice president candidates. Who we vote into office will determine the course of the country.

How do you decide who to vote for? You evaluate the candidates. You decide what strengths you're looking for in a candidate. You research their positions on the issues, learn about their leadership abilities and try to recognize distortions in the information

and opinions they express.

Research the candidates' views. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that produces an on-line voter guide where you can find sample ballots, candidates' answers to specific questions and links to their websites. Their site, [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) is a "one-stop-shop" for election-related information. It provides info on both general and state-specific information on various aspects of the election process, such as: absentee ballot information; early voting options, election dates, factual data on candidates, ID requirements, registration deadlines, voter qualifications, and more.

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## Chaplain's Message



### Blessing of the back packs

Lt. Kevin Jackson  
Command Chaplain

Students will soon return back to their schools to begin an exciting year of learning. The summer has offered many of our children an opportunity to spend valuable time with

family and friends. Soon the school halls will once again fill with laughter, movement and great anticipation for what the school year will bring.

As a result, the Protestant Chapel will host a "Blessing of the Backpacks" service on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. This service will be youth-centered with exciting music, a back-to-school motivational talk and the blessing of the backpacks. Every child and his/her backpack will have a special prayer prayed over them as they prepare to return back to school.

So.....don't miss this fun filled event.

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## Sailors taking fall classes should start Tuition Assistance approval process now

By Ed Barker  
NETPDC Public Affairs

Sailors planning to take college courses this fall using Tuition Assistance (TA) should submit their requests as soon as possible, so they may be reviewed and approved before classes start.

According to Ernest D'Antonio, the Naval Education and Training Professional Development Technology Center's Voluntary Education (VOLED) program director, the number one reason for problems with TA requests is late applications.

"Summer is a historically slow time in terms of receiving and processing TA requests," said D'Antonio. "Sailors who get a head start on their applications have the best chance of having their requests approved. Service members are required to obtain approval for TA funding before the official start of a course."

D'Antonio added TA approval is a multi-step process, and if there is a problem, the request gets held-up until the Virtual Education Center (VEC) staff can troubleshoot and fix it.

"It's crucial for commands to make sure that their Sailors know to start the process early, so that TA applications can be completed by the VEC in advance of the deadline," he said. "We are currently authorizing TA requests based on term start dates."

VEC Supervisor Susan Sutter noted TA applications are funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

"There's no risk in applying early; we can modify or cancel the TA voucher after the fact if necessary with no harm to the Sailor," she said. "But if TA requests are received by the VOLED team on or after the class begins, the TA requests will be denied in accordance with policy guidelines -- putting Sailors in a

potentially tough financial situation if the course is not dropped. That's why early TA submission, coupled with a well-defined education/degree plan is strongly recommended."

Sutter detailed the required steps that must be taken for a TA request to be approved; Sailors must:

- 1) Be counseled by their local Navy College Office or the VEC
- 2) Complete WebTA training
- 3) Have an education/degree plan on file (with the course that the Sailor is requesting TA for included in the plan)
- 4) Receive command approval on their TA request

"Sailors also must have completed at least 12 months on board their first permanent duty station, have no missing grades, not owe the Navy any funds for incomplete or failed courses, and have an end-of-obligated service date after the course ends," Sutter added.

Both D'Antonio and Sutter also stressed Sailors should monitor their information and status through the MyEducation portal on the Navy College website to ensure their accounts are posted and accurate, and their degree plans are current. The MyEducation portal is available 24/7.

If a Sailor or command have any questions or experience any problems, they should contact the VEC for assistance. The VEC is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST Monday-Friday and may be reached by calling 1-(877) 838-1659, or by e-mail at [VEC@navy.mil](mailto:VEC@navy.mil).

For more information on the Navy College Program and the Virtual Education Center visit <http://www.navycollege.navy.mil/> or <http://www.facebook.com/NavyVoluntaryEducation/>.

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## Local students earn college scholarships through DeCA-sponsored program

NAS Corpus Christi Commissary officials presented two local students with scholarships July 14, through the Scholarships for Military Children Program.

Camille Felgenhauer, who will be attending Texas A&M University-College Station, and Kayla Campbell, who will be attending Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., were the local awardees.

They are two of 700 students worldwide awarded the scholarship through a competitive essay process. This year there was a 13 percent increase in applicants for a total of 4,513 applicants, making the selection process more competitive and selective, according to Marlin Dotson, NASCC commissary manager.

The Scholarships for Military Children is a joint effort by the Defense Commissary Agency and the Fisher House Foundation and is funded through donations from commissary vendors.



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### Blue Angels Flight App released

The U.S. Navy has approved and issued a trademark license to Italian gaming company RORTOS for its development of a Blue Angels flight simulation game to be released July 15.

The Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) is the delegated authority to supervise, administer, license and control trademark functions related to Naval Aviation activities, to include the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the "Blue Angels."

Through months of discussion between RORTOS, the CNATRA Trademark Counsel, the Office of Naval Research

and members of the Blue Angels team, an agreement was reached to provide a 3-year license to RORTOS for its use of the Blue Angel trademarks.

The Navy determined that permitting use of the Blue Angels likeness for this flight simulation game is consistent with the goals of the Navy's Trademark Licensing Program, specifically to stimulate interest in, and enhance the image and reputation of the Navy and that it will also strengthen and protect the Navy's trademark rights. *(By Chief of Naval Air Training Public Affairs)*

### Free swim event for local heroes

FREE Event for Military, First Responders, Teachers, Medical Staff & Their Families

Our local heroes swoop down to save the day! Much like superheroes in comic book and star-studded films, our military, first-responders, teachers and medical staff exude leadership, strength, courage and resilience in difficult and challenging situations. They understand that with great power comes great responsibility. In fighting for our country and caring for our community they are the true heroes who inspire us all.

As part of "July is Parks and Recreation Month," the Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department invites our local heroes and their families to the FREE swim

event to honor them on Saturday, July 30, at all city pools. All military, first responders, teachers and medical personnel along with their family members are welcome. Please bring your work or military ID for free admission.

**Event pools and hours:** Greenwood Pool, 1-6 p.m. (4305 Greenwood Drive), Oso Pool, 1-6 p.m. (1109 Bernice Drive), H-E-B Pool, 1-6 p.m. (1520 Shely Street), West Guth Pool, 1-6 p.m. (9705 Up River Road), and Corpus Christi Natatorium, 12-4 p.m. (3202 Cabaniss Parkway).

For more information about the programs and available, visit [www.ccparkandrec.com](http://www.ccparkandrec.com) or call (361) 826-3492.

### Pokémon Go, similar

#### Game Apps Raise Dangers

There are mobile gaming applications, such as the new Pokémon Go, that put players into virtual worlds of game play. In these games players can catch digital creatures, help them evolve and take them to battle, all while leveling up themselves.

These creatures are dispersed around a player's current location using GPS data, and the player must use a mobile device to locate them. If you see zombie-like people walking down the street, holding their arms straight out in front of them and waving their phones like a searchlight, chances are they are playing one of these new games.

There have been alarming reports of

people walking into walls, getting robbed and falling into ditches – all while game playing. It is just a matter of time before the first incident occurs of a person walking in front of moving cars. Even more frightening are reports of people who are playing these games while driving. We know this because they are Tweeting about it also while driving. Most states are pushing tougher distracted driving laws and raising public awareness on this issue. Currently, only Montana and Arizona do not ban texting and driving.

Distracted driving kills. According to the national website for distracted driving, [distraction.gov](http://distraction.gov), in 2014 alone, 3,179 people were killed nationwide and another 431,000 people were injured in vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.

Be mindful of what is safe and what is legal. Have fun with these games, but remember these apps do not give you a free pass to be unsafe or violate laws.

- Pay attention to your surroundings when playing (i.e. look up, do not walk into traffic).
- Do not trespass on private property or in restricted areas.
- If you are playing at night, be sure to be visible.
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The Depot goes a step beyond equipping the Army by providing technical maintenance training for Active Army, National Guard, and Reserve components. It also has a deployable team of experts that assist in Army crash battle investigations anywhere in the world.

Together, the strategic capabilities available at CCAD create a force multiplier that enables the Army to accomplish a full range of military operations -- one capable of winning in a complex world.

CCAD's new commander Col. Lanceta is a senior Army Aviator who most recently served at CCAD's higher headquarters, AMCOM.

Before that, he directed the central region's US Army Soldier for Life Program, which helps transition veterans into civilian life with meaningful employment. His new assignment at CCAD is an example of the value military experience brings to civilian careers. Nearly 40% of the CCAD workforce are veterans.

Sgt. Maj. Felicioni joins CCAD from Hawaii where he served as the Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. since 2014.

Official Army retirement ceremonies for Pogue and Odom followed the event where both received Legions of Merit. The retiring Aviators served together in the 82nd Airborne. Odom says he's known Pogue as



Felicioni

long as he's been in the Army - 25 years.

In his closing remarks, Pogue thanked Odom for his honesty, patience, and loyalty throughout their careers together, and defined those values as the reason he selected Odom as sergeant major for CCAD.

But Pogue thanked his family, most of all, who created a home for him throughout



"Father, you are relieved." Newly retired Col. Billingsley Garner Pogue III exchanges salutes with his son and West Point Cadet Billingsley G. Pogue IV who officially relieved him of duty from the Army with 32 years of service. (Courtesy photo by Leo Gonzalez, CCAD)

his 32-year Army career, and for enduring 13 moves, new schools, leaving friends, and making new ones.

With everyone in the audience and on stage called to orders, Pogue's son, West

Point Cadet Billingsley Garner Pogue IV read his father's certificate of retirement and delivered one final order: "Father, you are relieved."



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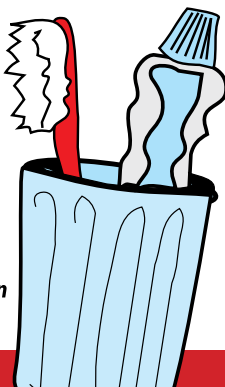
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## Frazee retires from Navy with 30 years service

The U.S. Navy bid fair winds and following seas to Lt. Cmdr. Troy Frazee during a traditional retirement ceremony on July 15, at the NAS Corpus Christi Catalina Club.

Capt. Ronald Woods, USN retired, served as the keynote speaker. Capt. Patrick Garin, commanding officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, served as the presiding officer.

Frazee, a native of Houston, entered the U.S. Navy in 1986 through Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He received his commission through Officer Candidate School in 2001.

Frazee's career culminated in his most recent assignment as the assistant public works officer aboard NAS Corpus Christi with NAVFAC Southeast. He was responsible for the public works activity aboard the installation, which supports more than 650 facility structures with a combined plant replacement value of \$2 billion.

Clockwise, from top right are scenes from Frazee's ceremony. Top: Honors are rendered as BMSN Marilyn Lemus sings the National Anthem. From left are Garin, Woods, Frazee, Lt. Kevin Jackson, command chaplain, and Joseph Wise, who served as the master of ceremonies. Center, right: Garin presents Frazee with a Navy Commendation Medal as he departs the Navy with 30 years of service. Bottom, right: MAC Mark Greer presents Frazee with a shadow box documenting his Navy service. Below, Frazee is piped ashore for the final time with his wife Kelly and children.





**Bravo Zulu****TW4, VT-35 host morale flights for NOSCCC SoYs --**

AC1 Jamie Smith, FY15 NOSCC Reserve Senior Sailor of the Year and HM1(AW) Eustace Bett, the 2015 Full Time Support (FTS) Senior Sailor of the Year are accompanied by Maj. Leslie Braddy, USMC, from VT-35. Both Sailors participated as passengers on an Advanced-Maritime training flight on June 23, in recognition of their outstanding performance in the Navy Reserves. This flight also marked

Braddy's last flight as a Flight Instructor in VT-35 after 3 years of faithful service to the squadron.

Braddy's follow on orders are to Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 at MCAS Iwakuni, Yamaguchi, Japan. (Courtesy photo)



**Bravo Zulu --** Capt. Guido F. Valdes, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi presents the second Navy Achievement Medal to Lt. Rachelle F. Wilbur, Nurse Corps, for performance of her duties as staff nurse, Emergency Department, U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella, Italy, from July 2014 to May 2016. Wilbur provided and fostered a high level of emergent patient care through education of 54 staff members in performance of over 60 code drills. She certified 103 personnel in resuscitative medicine, yielding a cost savings of \$42,500 in training fees. In addition, she created a departmental forms and records plan that resulted in 100 percent Medical Inspector General compliance. (U.S. Navy photo by HM3 Bryan G. Kanthack)



**Commendation --** Capt. Guido F. Valdes, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi presents the third Navy Commendation Medal to HMCS(EXW/FMF) Faron M. Uebelacker for service as senior enlisted leader, Expeditionary Medical Clinic (EMC) assigned to U. S. Naval Forces Central Command Detachment Isa Air Base, Kingdom of Bahrain, from October 2015 to April 2016. Uebelacker led a joint service team of 21 personnel in the daily operations of the EMC resulting in the completion of 1,673 patient encounters and a sustainment of operational medical readiness at 99 percent. Uebelacker also served as the acting command master chief for Isa Air Base in which he was the vital link between the commanding officer and all tenant commands comprised of 1,600 U.S. forces. (U.S. Navy photo by HM3 Bryan G. Kanthack)



# Navy unveils National Museum of the American Sailor

The Great Lakes Naval Museum was officially renamed the National Museum of the American Sailor during a ceremony and sign unveiling at the museum July 4.

The Navy's top enlisted Sailor, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (AW/NAC) Mike Stevens, was joined by retired Rear Adm. Sam Cox, director of Naval History and Heritage Command, North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham, Capt. James Hawkins, commanding officer of Naval Station Great Lakes, Jennifer Searcy, Ph.D., director of the National Museum of the American Sailor, and representatives from the Great Lakes Naval Museum Foundation and National Museum of the American Sailor Foundation to unveil the new sign in front of the museum.

"Dedicated to telling the story of anyone who has ever worn the Navy uniform, this building will do more than house history," said Cox. "The National Museum of the American Sailor will stand as a place for Sailors, Navy families and proud Americans to learn more about the Navy that serves them by using the history and experiences of our Sailors as the basis for its exhibits."

Cox and Stevens shared the news of the name change with attendees of the Naval Station Great Lakes July Fourth Celebration with a speech and video presentation Monday evening.

The National Museum of the American Sailor name change signals a shift in vision from a regional focus to one that depicts the diverse history of Sailors who have served in the U.S. Navy. The name change also reflects the interest of museum visitors, many of whom travel from across the country to attend the basic training graduations at the Navy's Recruit Training Command.

"What may appear as a simple name change to some, for me, marks a recommitment to my shipmates that as a Navy, and as a Nation, we honor the service and sacrifice of all American Sailors," said Stevens.

The National Museum of the American Sailor currently features exhibits on life in Navy boot camp, naval uniforms and traditions, the history of Naval Station Great Lakes, the role of diversity in the Navy and the role of women in the Navy. Over the next two years, the museum will expand its exhibits to introduce visitors to the overall history and role of the U.S. Navy and the experiences of American Sailors in the past and today.

"I am very excited for this 'new' museum, and I welcome you all to visit. Our nation's history would not be the same if it were not for the millions of American Sailors who have served in the United States Navy," said Cox.

The museum is located in Building 42 just outside the perimeter of Naval Station Great Lakes. Building 42, known as Hostess House, was built in 1942 and served as a visitors and reception center for almost one million American Sailors who came through Great Lakes during WWII.

The former Great Lakes Naval Museum



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike Stevens speaks during an unveiling ceremony for the renaming of the Great Lakes Naval Museum to the National Museum of the American Sailor, at Great Lakes, Ill. The National Museum of the American Sailor name

change signals a shift in vision from a regional focus to one that depicts the diverse history of Sailors who have served in the U.S. Navy. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Eric Lockwood)

was dedicated on Oct. 26, 1996 in Building 158 and opened to the public on Oct. 13, 1997. It became an official Navy Museum in Building 42 in 2009, joining the Naval History and Heritage Command museum enterprise.

The National Museum of the American Sailor is one of 10 museums in the naval history enterprise. Other museums include: National Museum of the United States Navy (Washington Navy Yard, D.C.); National Naval Aviation Museum (Pensacola, Fla.); Hampton Roads Naval Museum (Norfolk, Va.); United States Navy Seabee Museum (Port Hueneme, Calif.); Submarine Force Library and Museum and Historic Ship NAUTILUS (Groton, Conn.); Naval Undersea Museum (Keyport, Wash.); Puget Sound Navy Museum (Bremerton, Wash.); Naval War College Museum (Newport, R.I.); and United States Naval Academy Museum (Annapolis, Md.).

The Naval History and Heritage Command, located at the Washington Navy Yard, is responsible for the preservation, analysis and dissemination of U.S. naval history and heritage. It provides the knowledge foundation for the Navy by maintaining historically relevant resources and products that reflect the Navy's unique and enduring contributions through our nation's history and supports the fleet by assisting with and delivering professional research, analysis and interpre-

tive services. NHHC is composed of many activities including the Navy Department Library, the Navy Operational Archives, the Navy art and artifact collections, underwater archeology, Navy histories, ten museums, USS Constitution repair facility and the

historic ship Nautilus.

For more information, visit [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil), [www.facebook.com/usnavy](http://www.facebook.com/usnavy), or [www.twitter.com/usnavy](http://www.twitter.com/usnavy). (From *Naval History and Heritage Command Communication and Outreach Division*)

## Blue Angels announce 2017 officers

From Blue Angels Public Affairs  
U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, announced officers selected for the 2017 air show season, July 16.

The squadron selected three F/A-18 demonstration pilots, events coordinator, C-130 demonstration pilot, flight surgeon, supply officer, and administration officer to join a previously selected executive officer on the 2017 team.

Each officer was recommended for selection by Chief of Naval Air Training Rear Adm. Dell Bull, and ultimately approved by Chief of Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. Mike Shoemaker, for final selection to the 2017 Blue Angels team.

Many highly qualified Navy and Marine Corps officers submit applications to join the Blue Angels each year.

"It is such a privilege to have so many talented officers apply to be part of the Blue Angels tradition of showcasing the Navy and Marine Corps to the American public,"

said Cmdr. Ryan Bernacchi, flight leader and commanding officer of the 2016 team. "I am inspired by all of those who applied this year and we have an exceptional group to add to next year's team."

The Blue Angels select "finalists" to interview at the team's home base of Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, during the week of the Pensacola Beach Air Show each year. The team makes selections at the conclusion of that week.

"We were extremely fortunate to have so many qualified and motivated applicants apply for the team," said Lt. Matt Suyderhoud, right wing pilot and applications officer for the 2017 team selection. "I am excited to see what next year's team will be able to accomplish."

The newly selected 2017 officers include:  
F/A-18 Demonstration Pilots:

Navy Lt. Brandon Hempler, 32, of Wamego, Kansas, is an F/A-18 Super Hornet pilot currently assigned to Training Squadron  
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## What's Happening?

### On-Going

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
via Coastal Bend Connection  
[www.cbvc.org](http://www.cbvc.org)

### Wednesdays

**Downtown Farmers Market**  
5-8 p.m. Art Center, free, [growlocalstx.com](http://growlocalstx.com)

### Thursdays

**Bay Jammin' Concert Series**  
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### Fridays

**Bay Jammin' Cinema Series**  
Nightfall through Aug. 19  
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Family-friendly movies. Free, (361)  
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### July 30

**Preparing for Holiday Cooking Seminar**  
10 a.m.-noon  
At South Texas Botanical Gardens  
Call (361) 852-2100, [stxbot.org](http://stxbot.org)

### July 30

**Scurry 5K Run & Walk**  
8 a.m. Cole Park  
[www.corpusroadrunners.com](http://www.corpusroadrunners.com)

### July 30

**Port Aransas Sand Crab 5K/10K Night-time Beach Run**  
Magee Beach Park, Port A, 8:30 p.m.  
[www.runintexas.com](http://www.runintexas.com)

### Aug. 6-7

**54th Annual Navy Regatta**  
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or Titanic Cup, contact MMCS Shane  
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### Aug. 13

**Dash for Cash**  
8 a.m., Oso Creek Park behind Bill Witt  
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5-mile, 5K and kids 1K  
[www.corpusroadrunners.com](http://www.corpusroadrunners.com)

### Sept. 1

**Orchidology Class at Botanical Gardens**  
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(VT) 22, the "Golden Eagles," at NAS Kingsville, Texas. He is a 2007 graduate of Kansas State University, Salina, Kansas.

Navy Lt. Damon Kroes, 34, of Fremont, California, is an F/A-18 Hornet instructor pilot currently assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron (VMFAT) 101, the "Sharpshooters," at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. He is a 2006 graduate of San Diego State University, San Diego.

Navy Lt. Nate Scott, 31, of Danville, California, is an F/A-18 Hornet instructor pilot currently assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106, the "Gladiators," at NAS Oceana, Virginia. He is a 2007 graduate of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Events Coordinator: Navy Lt. Dave Steppe, 31, of Birmingham, Alabama, is an EA-18G Growler naval flight officer currently assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129, the "Vikings," at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. He is a 2008 graduate of Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.

C-130 Demonstration Pilot: Marine Capt. Kyle Maschner, 33, of Scottsdale, Ariz., is a KC-130 Hercules pilot currently assigned to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan. He is a 2006 graduate of Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Flight Surgeon: Navy Lt. Juan Guerra, 31, of Ocala, Fla., is a flight surgeon currently assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106, the "Gladiators," at NAS Oceana, Va. He is a 2011 graduate of the Uniformed

Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine, Bethesda, Md.

Supply Officer: Navy Lt. Bryan Pace, 32, of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, is a supply officer currently assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 101, the "Grim Reapers," at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. He is a 2010 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Mass.

Administration Officer: Navy Lt. j.g. Timothy Hawkins, 37, of Scranton, Penn., is an administrative officer currently assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 143, the "Pukin' Dogs," at NAS Oceana, Va. He was commissioned through the Limited Duty Officer Program in 2013.

Pre-selected to join the 2017 team was: Executive Officer: Navy Cmdr. Matt Kaslik, 43, of The Woodlands, Texas.

Expected to return for the 2017 season are: Commanding Officer, Flight Leader: Navy Cmdr. Ryan Bernacchi, 43, of Los Altos, Calif.

F/A-18 Demonstration Pilots: Navy Lt. Lance Benson, 33, of McPherson, Kan.; Navy Lt. Tyler Davies, 34, of Kennesaw, Georgia; Navy Cmdr. Frank Weisser, 38, of Atlanta; C-130 Demonstration Pilots: Marine Maj. Mark Hamilton, 38, of Becker, Minn.;

Marine Maj. Mark Montgomery, 37, of Cartersville, Georgia.

Maintenance Officer: Navy Lt. Samuel Rose, 36, of Whitehouse, Texas.

Public Affairs Officer: Navy Lt. Joe Hontz, 38, of Longmont, Colo.



A visitor to the Fleet and Family Support Center's open house takes a look at promotional materials on hand. FFSC celebrated its 37th anniversary of supporting the fleet and family recently. They are located on the fifth floor of Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi. (Courtesy photo by Corcynthia Williams)

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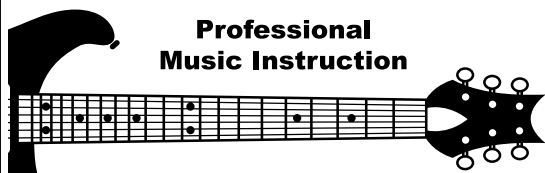
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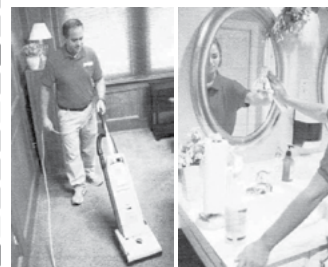
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[www.asg-corpuschristi.com](http://www.asg-corpuschristi.com).

Also visit our facebook page at <https://facebook.com/ASGCorpusChristiTX>.

TO HAVE YOUR EVENT INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION, EMAIL [AFRENCH@PLWAVE.COM](mailto:AFRENCH@PLWAVE.COM). THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT EVENTS IS 10 A.M. THE FRIDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION. UPCOMING EVENTS ARE PUBLISHED AS SPACE PERMITS THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES AS TO HOW MANY TIMES AN EVENT WILL RUN. QUESTIONS REGARDING EVENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ASHLEY AT 361-746-4341.



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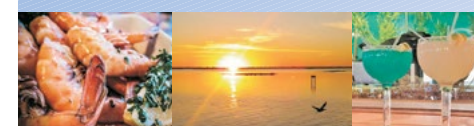


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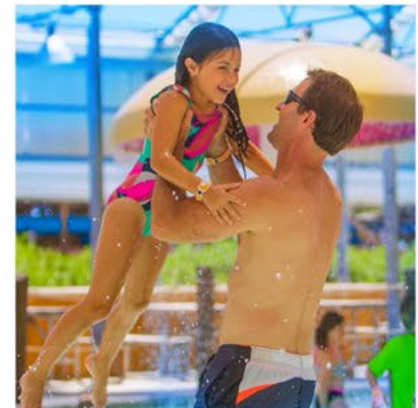


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